(2) What are the difficulties, if any, standing in the way of converting it into a taluk?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to sanction the prayer?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—31. (1) and (2) The question has been deferred for want of funds.

(3) This will be considered as soon as financial position permits.

BY MR. B. LINGE GOWDA, (Hiriyur Taluk).—

Q.—32. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Is it a fact that the Director of Agriculture in Mysore recommended the acquisition of 150 acres of irrigable land not under cultivation for Babbur Experimental Farm in the Hiriyur Taluk and reported that the raiyats will not in any way suffer by the acquisition of the land?

(2) How many acres were under cultivation and how many were in *banjar* when acquired for the Farm?

(3) How many acres of *banjar* land have been brought under cultivation by the Farm and how many acres are still lying fallow?

(4) Have the Government ordered that some extent of the land should be used for experiments, and the remaining for Sample Farm and that separate accounts for these two sections should be maintained?

(5) Has the department acted according to the Government orders? If so, what is the capital invested on each section till the end of June 1927 and what is the annual income and expenditure in each case?

(6) If two separate accounts have not been kept as per Government orders, what is the reason for not keeping such accounts?

(7) What is the total outlay on the Farm till the end of June 1927? What is the annual income derived from the Farm and what is the annual expenditure? What would be the interest at 6 per cent on the capital outlay and what is the annual interest at the same rate on expenditure incurred every year and what is the annual net income? (Detailed accounts may be given separately for every year till the end of June 1927.)

(8) Are there any experiments successfully conducted

in the Farm under which large profit was expected at a small cost? If so, what are they? Have they been adopted by the raiyats? And if so, which of them have been so adopted ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—32. (1) Yes.

(2) 300 under cultivation and 700 *banjar*.

(3) 80 acres, 25 guntas dry and 100 acres wet have been brought under cultivation.

(4) Government directed that the Farm should be partly experimental and was to be run mainly on the lines of a Model Farm. Yes.

(5) and (6) Yes. It was not found possible especially, in the initial stages, to keep the experimetal work entirely distinct from demonstration work as industrial crops had to a large extent to be grown under experimental conditions.

(7) A statement giving information till 1925-26 is attached. (Appendix X.)

(8) Question not clear. Several important experiments have been conducted leading to results which have been profitably adopted by the raiyats; a few of these have been given below:—

(*a*) Employment of drainage, use of green manure crops and improved implements.

(*b*) Growing of better money-yielding crops, such as, sugarcane and cotton through seeds of varieties evolved on the Farm. The following shows at a glance how the increasing demand from the raiyats is met by the Farm:—

(i) Sugarcane variety of higher yielding type supplied in—

1920-21	.. ..	16,400 setts.
1926-27	.. ..	235,380 „

(ii) Cotton seeds of improved type supplied from the Farm—

1920-21	.. ..	172 maunds.
1925-26	.. ..	975 „

(iii) Pure cotton seeds made available through Farm cotton gins—

1919-20	.. ..	172 maunds.
1925-26	.. ..	9,750 „
1926-27	.. ..	6,977 „

(iv) Improved furnaces for jaggery boiling and better and more economical methods.